

**Lanesboro City Council
Monday, November 2nd, 2009
Council Chambers at 5:30 p.m.**

Present: Rahn, O'Connor, Dybing, Jeannette and Allen

Absent: None

Visitors: Jan Meyer, Jade Wangen, Brian Luna, Shayn Jensson and Ben Wolf of Yaggy Colby

REGULAR MEETING:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Rahn.

Additions or Changes to the agenda consisted of adding Brian Luna with a Chamber report, turkey bowling for the Parkway Pub, Region Meeting Expense reimbursement for Vickerman, Liability/Property and Auto Insurance renewal, and a closed meeting to discuss litigation under the attorney/client exception. Vickerman asked to have the copy machine line item removed as she is still seeking out prices. Jeannette made a motion to approve the agenda with those changes, second Dybing, motion carried.

The meeting minutes for the October 19th meeting were approved with a motion by Jeannette, second O'Connor, motion carried.

PERSONS WITH BUSINESS BEFORE THE COUNCIL:

A. Shayn Jensson and Ben Wolf of Yaggy Colby – Community Center Northeast Corner

Issues: Jensson stated that he had been asked by Vickerman to take a look at the crack in the masonry on the North East corner of the building. Jensson noted that there is some concern over some settlement that has occurred and also the structure itself. Jensson went over the hand outs that were provided last meeting noting that a twenty foot addition was added to the original foundation of the structure and there is some indication that a storm sewer may have existed below the addition and that the settlement could be occurring in that area. The Sheffield flooring system was discussed at great length, noting that the school had that type of system that collapsed years back. Wolf noted that he did not see any noticeable issues at this time, but that he did not do a detailed investigation into the flooring system. Mayor Rahn asked what the cost to investigate further into the flooring system to see what kind of shape it was in would be. Wolf said that he could say that it for sure would not exceed \$3,000 to do a complete evaluation of the flooring system. Mayor Rahn said that he felt that the City needed to investigate first the shape of the Sheffield floor system and also to look at the drainage and the structural needs of the NorthEast corner of the building. Rahn made a motion to have Yaggy do an evaluation on the Sheffield flooring system at the not to exceed price of \$3,000 and asked to have Vickerman research as to where funds could come from to pay for repairs to the building, second Jeannette, motion carried.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION MEETINGS:

A. PU: October 30th – O'Connor: O'Connor reported that two owners of downtown apartments were at the meeting concerned about the water and sewer base charges. O'Connor reported that there was very good discussion and some great ideas were generated. It was noted that the Utility will be required by state law in 2013 to have a water conservation rate plan in place, O'Connor stated that the utilities will look into possibly implementing a conservation plan prior to and this will help satisfy the concerns stated at the meeting as well. O'Connor reported that Lanesboro as a part of UMPMA was given a grant for 182 smart meters and access to the software for the meters.

B. EDA: November 2nd – Jeannette: Jeannette reported that the EDA was visited by Ron Zeigler from Southeastern Minnesota Development Corporation as far as how they could assist Lanesboro with their economic development. Jeannette reported that one day a week of EDA

assistance would be slightly less than \$21,000 and then the rates would be established based upon the time set up in the contract and the services related. Jeannette also noted that Mike Bubany of David Drown and Associates and Chris Gastner from the Fillmore County EDA were present as well to discuss the Facility Bonds that the Council had asked them to look at. Bubany presented that the facility bonds would work for a private enterprise and associated with a TIF district could save around 1.5 to 3.5 percentage points based upon how the bonds were set up. Bubany stated that the EDA could do the financing with a TIF district and save the private entity about 2.5 percentage points and the City would not be liable for the building and payment. The Council could take it one step further and put the general obligation pledge on it to decrease the rate further, however this was not suggested. Jeannette reported that the EDA recommends that the Council look at the opportunity for facility bonds to bring back a grocery store to Lanesboro.

HOUSEKEEPING:

A. Outdoor Stoves: Mayor Rahn noted that since the Council just received the ordinance that the members should take time to read it over and to have it on the agenda for the next meeting.

B. Facility Bonds: O'Connor asked about the idea about having a grocery store with various other options in the same building, noting that private apartments were noted in the EDA meeting as to not be fundable with the facility bonds. Vickerman responded that they were discussed and Bubany had stated that it outlines that the private apartments are not allowed under the facility bonds, however a private person that would be bringing in some funding could supply the dollar amounts for that type of addition. Vickerman stated she would ask Bubany to give more detail on this information.

C. Thanksgiving Week for the Office: Vickerman asked to have the office closed the week of Thanksgiving for clean up and audit preparation. She noted that we have closed the office the past few years and it has been a great benefit. O'Connor made a motion to close the office the week of Thanksgiving, second Jeannette, motion carried.

D. Mediacom: Vickerman noted that she received the enclosed renewal request from Mediacom which is very early. Manion noted that they tend to do this early to give the cities the opportunity to review the product provided and that some cities have committees that review these types of services. O'Connor made a motion to have the EDA Commission look over the Mediacom request and to revisit the broadband discussions that have occurred in the past and to bring feedback to the Council within six months, second Dybing, motion carried.

E. Habitat for Humanity: Vickerman noted that the next Habitat for Humanity meeting will be in Lanesboro at the Community Center at 6pm, November 10th, all are invited to attend.

F. Brian Luna – Chamber News: Brian reported that the Chamber has invested in ten snowflakes for the main street lights for downtown Lanesboro. He reported that the holiday fest will be the weekend of the 21st and 22nd. He noted that the Chamber is hoping that the white lights and snowflakes can be turned on for the weekends through February as well. He stated that this year there will be a Christmas Inn Tour as well. He noted that the Library will be hosting holiday readings and that Santa Claus will be coming to town! He stated that there is some discussion about the possibility of putting signs at the entrances of the City stating that Lanesboro is the B&B Capital of Minnesota. Mayor Rahn made a motion to approve the sign request, but asked Luna to explore whether the Rhubarb Capital designation could be made a part of the signs as well, second Jeannette, motion carried.

G. Turkey Bowling: Jeannette asked if he could have the turkey bowling festivities again this year which requires only blocking off two parking spaces. Jeannette noted that he has already asked his neighbors for their approval and also stated that over the past five years the Pub has raised over \$3,000 for the school. Dybing made a motion to approve turkey bowling, second O'Connor, motion carried. Jeannette abstained from voting due to owning the business.

H. Regional Meeting Expenses: Mayor Rahn noted that Vickerman attended a meeting in Stewartville, O'Connor made the motion to reimburse Vickerman her mileage and pay for the meeting at \$45, second Allen, motion carried.

I. Closed Meeting report for City Administrator Evaluation: Mayor Rahn noted that a review was held on Vickerman and her job performance. He noted that she had a very good performance evaluation. There were no items that need to be voted on.

J. Liability, Property and Auto Insurance: O'Connor made a motion to renew the insurance with LMCIT marking that the City does not waive the monetary limits on municipal tort liability established by Minnesota Statutes 466.04, second Dybing, motion carried.

ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING:

At 6:45pm, Jeannette made a motion to adjourn, second Dybing, motion carried.

CLOSED MEETING:

O'Connor made a motion to open the closed meeting, second Jeannette, motion carried.

A Closed meeting was held attorney/client privilege due to litigation.

ADJOURN CLOSED MEETING:

At 7:50pm, O'Connor made a motion to close the closed meeting, second Jeannette, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobbie Vickerman
City Administrator/Clerk